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ALL have a share in the beauty,
All have a part in the plan.
What does it matter what duty
Falls to the lot of man?
Someone has blended the plaster,
And someone has carried the stone;
Neither the man nor the master
Ever has builded alone.
Making a roof from the weather,
Or building a house for the King,
Only by working together
Have men accomplished a thing.

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Meditation

"Infinite and eternal Life, once again the ceaseless swinging of the years has brought us to the sacred precincts of our house and temple of inspiration and love. Once again our voice becomes the medium through which the hopes, the prayers, the desires and the longings of human hearts are momentarily made vocative in this hour of communion and prayer.

Sensitive as we are to the deep and abiding sense of our need, we feel the impotence, of words. The feelings of our hearts are too deep for utterance, ideals crashing and smashing all about us everywhere, and yet all of this would be unbearable were it not for that awakening of the eternal which springs in our hearts when we turn our faces toward Thee.

So, this morning, it is toward Thy face of Love and Light we turn. No crash of man's hate, no agony of hurt, no destruction created by man's fiendish genius, none of these things are loud enough, to keep the light of Thy Love from our hearts.

Now, to every listener, to every person in the quiet of the sanctuary, wherever the radius of influence of this service is going, to the humblest little home, to the palatial mansion, to camps of the North, to the lonely home on the prairie, to the ship at sea, wherever the influence of this moment is going, might every heart feel the presence of that which cannot fail, and which cannot be destroyed, and which will ride out every tempest, that strength which comes from the eternal source of the ultimate power which finally will have its way with this world. Put us in harmony with that power, put us in sympathy with it, might we feel a direct contact with it like one who grasps a wire alive with electronic energy. Might we reach up our hands to feel the hand of God. May eternal power sweep into every atom of our being and all who listen, until the generation of this power shall let loose mighty influences that can never be defeated.

That's our prayer; that is the power which we need. Though our minds are open, our hearts are open, may there be no short circuits, may there be no fuses burned out, may the way be open and undisturbed for the full expression of that eternal power, and what a moment this will be, for us all. Then we can understand, as we have never understood before, the power of that beautiful life who sought this energy through the medium of a prayer:

'Our Father, who art in heaven, etc'."

"THE MILLS OF GOD"

Sermon by Dr. Preston Bradley, Pastor of The Peoples Church of Chicago, September 14, 1940.

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"Never in all the years of my public ministry have I ever approached a fall and winter with the same feelings which are now dominant in my life and heart. Those who have the responsibility of creating, directing or inspiring any kind of public opinion in this hour, have a responsibility unprecendented in all the past, never was it more important for one who speaks, or writes, or has the opportunity of the radio. Never in all the history of the human race was it ever more important that the one who has this responsibility give evidence that what they are saying, or writing, represents the highest and best thought which they can possibly bring to the problem or the difficulty. I feel that is evidenced and can be definitely traced in the writings and speaking of every person I know. You can read it between the lines of every editorial, you can listen to the overtones of it in the public utterances of every individual, you recognize it at your own tables, you see it manifesting itself in every conversation, on the street, on the bus, in the garage, at the oil station, there never was anything quite like this. Those of us who remember, with unquestionable fidelity, the emotional stress and the hysteria which swept this nation in the last war crisis, can detect a great difference in this one. Don't let anybody tell you that this is but a duplication of 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918! Don't let anybody tell you that history is repeating itself! Don't let the superficial thinker and the one who speaks merely from the imperative of emotional and prejudicial bombast tell you that this is only a repetition of twenty years ago! IT IS NOT! This situation in this world and in this country at this moment never had a precedent. We are dealing now with something entirely unique in our history and in the history of the world. And with the same degree of sincerity which inspired me to say more than six months ago from this pulpit, I say what I am going to say this morning. As I go back and read over again those sermons and lectures and addresses of the past year and a half and two years I find an affirmation and a constant development consonant with the thought which I tried to crystallize at that time. I said, and I read it over again but this week, in a sermon from this pulpit when we were discussing the political situation of the United States, that the man who would be nominated for the presidency of the United States, by the Republican party would be a man whose name had not yet been mentioned. Some of you remember it, some of you were here and heard it, and the political forces which I could see working for their own mutual self-destruction in those six months and a year ago to the ultimate result of such activity, made the results imperative, and when some of you wrote me bitter letters saying that I could envisage, as I have been doing for the past twelve years, fourteen years, when I came home to the United States that fall of 1926 and said to the people of America and to the people of this Church 'Can't you see the danger which is developing out of a wrong attitude toward the democratic experiments of Germany and Russia and what it will mean, if you maintain this lack of co-operation?' And they called me a radical. They used the epithet of 'Liberal' in a derogatory way. When I saw the birth

of the German Republic at Weimar and the adoption of the Constitution of that German Republic, and the election of a harness maker in the tradition of a Lincoln, Mr. Ebert, President of that German Republic, and when I heard Alexander Kerensky, after the abdication of the Czar, attempt to build for Russia a democratic order and adopt a Constitution based on the Constitution of the United States of America, and then I saw the democracies of the world, Great Britain, France, and America, say to those early experiments of democracy, but one word, and that word was 'Pay!' 'Pay!' And out of the seeds of that has grown Naziism, Fascism and Communism, and now you Americans are in it too. And the sounding board of those past ten years of my ministry mock with hollow echoes this hour! We thought that our ease, our $600 an acre Iowa land, our $287 steel stock, could go on forever, that there would never be a day of accounting or a day of reckoning! We thought something called 'prosperity' was an eternal thing and we could go on our way amassing our fortunes, living our lives of ease, raising a whole generation that has never known one solitary thing called 'discipline' and that generation now is in the army, for tomorrow at this time, the President of the United States will have signed the Conscription Bill, and on October 16th in the United States of America, by registration, the names of all men between the ages of 21 and 35 will be in the possession of the United States Government, and they will be told where they can work, how they can work and what they will do, how long they will work, and what they will be paid. It is of such an hour that I speak, and never more conscious was I of the responsibility which is upon us. I closed my eyes last night with a prayer in the bed in which I have not slept for three months, and I said, 'O Lord, let there be no shilly-shallying now, let me see straight and clear and concise, and O God, O God, in this awful hour for everything that I hold sacred and beautiful and decent in this world, with the Mother of Parliaments in flames, with the four great stations out of which I have come and gone myriads of times, Charing Cross, Victoria, Paddington and Waterloo, in flames, with the lines of transportation paralyzed, with all Britain, in the very hour in which I speak, facing the most serious moment of a thousand years of human history, and America, America. . . .'

What does one do in circumstances like these? What must one do? Not a single person in this great congregation this morning, or any individual on the air, one year from today will be living the same standard of life that you are living now! It is going to be different for you and for me from now on, more different than it has ever been before about anything. Are you afraid of that? I am not. I have no hysteria about it, I have no fear about it. There is only one way that the United States of America, whether Mr. Roosevelt is elected, or Mr. Willkie is elected, can maintain its economic order and preserve its demorcacy, and that will be when there is a universal sense that a sacrifice must now be made on the part of all of us whether we are rich or poor, black or white, Republicans or Democrats, if you save democracy now in this world, you and I must sacrifice, and none of us like that, we don't want to give up anything, least of all FREEDOM. The colossal bill of the militarization of the United States of America will create a financial obligation which, if the industrial and economic order can be preserved under the unprecedented load which will be placed upon it, if it can be saved at all, it can only be saved by the sacrifice of those who enjoy and have this freedom. We have not learned to sacrifice very much; we are not very good at it.

What did this freedom cost you? Nothing. It never cost me anything, not a thing. I was born with it. As I have said, I suckled it from the breast of my mother and I have never known anything but freedom; I have had freedom all my life, freedom of worship, freedom of the press, freedom of speech, why, it is all I have ever had is freedom, and it never cost me anything, not a thing. It is going to now, and it is going to cost every individual in this Church something. It is going to cost a lot to save. Does this discourage me? Do I have hysteria in the presence of it? Not at all. I never felt more hopeful for the future than I feel this morning, and that is not a statement that is made with any superficial thinking. I think that democracy was created for just such an hour. Why, this is the hour for which Jefferson talked, and Franklin thought, and Lincoln lived! WHO IS GOING TO RUN AWAY NOW? This is the hour for which freedom was born, and no man is any more expressive and vibrant of the privilege of freedom than he is when his freedom is jeopardized! Let somebody try to take away this freedom and see what happens! Freedom cannot live under the softness and fatness of non-resistance! Freedom connot exist in a world where nobody has to sacrifice or work! The people who are free are the people who are strong, and only people who are strong, in this sense, are ever free, and this freedom needs this strength.

I am not worried about the temporary success of the totalitarian nations of Europe. Hitler does not frighten me at all, never for one moment have I been afraid of him, and I am not afraid now. My only far is that I want to do all I can to help a free people retain their freedom, that in the strength of that freedom Hitler, and everything he stands for, will finally be crushed to earth! And never, never raise its ghastly head again. That is what this freedom means! Of course it does. I am worried about only one thing, and this opening sermon is always to me the greatest challenge, almost, of the year. I have been suffering from palpitation of the heart ever since six o'clock this morning, and I said 'The people will be there, and I have to go to them for the twenty-ninth time, the twenty-ninth year' and I thought that I never would have to go through it again another time like this. I thought I could come and talk about beautiful sunsets, tall pine trees, lovely lakes, good fishing, sails full of the breeze—no, I cannot. I cannot even think of it, not when you are sensitive to the agony and to the heartaches, tears and sorrows of this world, and I said to myself 'I am going into my pulpit on this opening service and I am going to try to say something, in spite of what must be said first, that will send every person out of that Church, and very person within the selective service age whose lives are in bewilderment, turmoil and chaos, for their careers, for one year, and possibly five, will be interrupted and changed, and I want to be a realist and not a mere theorist, so here is what is worrying me, and it is about the only thing that is in this particular. I have spent most of the summer glued to my radio, short wave and American broadcasts, I have read and studied every angle and aspect of all points of view, together with having written a new book, and in all my studies and of every person I have met, and everywhere I have gone, I have tried to ask questions to get their reactions, but here is what is worrying me. The other day in the waiting room of an airline station, waiting for a transcontinental plane were three men. The name of one of them is a household word and were I to use it, you would know it; the other is a great corporation lawyer of this country; the other one I did not know. I sat with my back to these

three men, in other words, they were facing opposite, they were in conversation. I am not an eaves dropper, but it was just one of those things you could not help but hear, and one of those men turned to another one and said: 'We are never going to make it work; democracy has failed in America. We have got to try something new now.' And the other one said: 'You are right, you are right, there is nothing we can do about it politically because the Republicans nominated a Democrat, and the Democrats had no choice in their convention,' and he said, 'the whole thing, from a political point of view, is in a fiasco, at the most important moment of our history' and he continued, 'now we must develop some form of an economic Fascism.' My blood froze, and it was a hot day, I turned to those men, I could not help it, at the expense of being thought a crackpot, and I said: 'Gentlemen, please, I am not a fanatic, and I am not a crackpot, and I know the amenities of an occasion, I have never been introduced to you, you don't know my name, it is not necessary that you do, I must say something to you, if you don't mind' and they both looked at me and did not know whether to call a policeman or what, but I said: 'Since when have you become a paid Hitler agent in the United States?' This man, who was decorated with the American flag in the lapel of his coat, looked at me and said, 'What do you mean?' 'If you knew modern history you would know that the remark you have just made was the remark which the industrialists of Germany were using when they financed Mr. Hitler's campaign, and Mr. Hitler learned so well the force of such technique that he is applying it to the scene of America today, and all of the bullets of Naziism, and all of the bombs flowing and falling and crashing agony over St. Paul's and Buckingham Palace, they are not all in Britain. The technique by which these people attempt to break up the confidence of the American people in the ability of the American people to solve our problems the American way, and not the way of Fascism, Naziism or Communism, is the thing that I am worried about now in the United States of America.'

Learn that lesson, America, and these boys that are going into the army and navy may never fire a gun! That's the fundamental truth of this hour, and it is the truth that will prevail. Let us not forget that every individual that can sow a seed of lack of confidence and ability among our people, and stir up racial enmity and religious antagonism, and break up the morale of the people of the United States of America, I don't care who they are or how patriotic they seem to be, **THEY ARE THE FIFTH COLUMNISTS IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!** Why can't we learn this lesson now? I warn you, I warn you, let's not wait too long. . . .not too long.

Finally, and it seems so difficult to make this articulate with all the powers that the idea conveys, at any rate to me, how when you are fighting a battle and you are struggling and in great difficulty, you want to feel someone near you that is strong. When you are having great problems as individuals, there is always somebody that you want to run to. When tragedy sweeps into your life, and sorrow comes, as it has come to many of you this summer, and troubles and difficulties fall down upon us, there is always someone that is strong, and just as the face of a beautiful morning glory opens up to greet the new day, so you run to them to experience the radiance of their hearts and lives. There is a great strength which you can feel and know. There is a power which is stronger than all the combined hate in the world. Standing, watching, behind the shadows of this whole modern world is God, and God and freedom and democracy are inseparable; you can-

not divorce them, for God is on the side of freedom and democracy and life and love.

I seek that power, and these days I ask you to find it too. Let the baptism of it settle down upon this Church. Let it be behind every utterance of its pastor, and every note of music of its choir during all these weeks and months which are ahead of us. 'Though the mills of God' . . . not the mills of the gods, that is not the quotation, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow translated it from a German poem, and here's how he gave the poem in his translation from the German, a German poet born in 1604 and who died in 1655, Frederich von Gaun

'Though the mills of God grind slowly, yet they grind exceedingly small;
Though with patience he stands waiting, with exactness grinds he all.'

There is no room for racial hatred in the United States of America, no room now for religious warfare, no room now for denominational theological bickerings, no room now for non-essentials, **FORWARD, MARCH! AMERICA! FREEDOM IS AT STAKE, YOUR FREEDOM, THE FREEDOM OF FREE MEN!**

We have opened our doors for over a century to all the peoples of the world, and those who have been stricken with the curse of autocracy and failure. Thousands and thousands of Germans are here, sons and daughters of the Germans of another revolution, the revolution of 1848, and those Germans planted themselves in every hamlet, village, town and city and countryside of America, and have been good citizens. Italians, Norwegians, Swedes, Danes, Finns, Austrians, British, Scotch, Irish, from all over Europe, are here. The son of a foreigner speaks to you now. My own father became a naturalized citizen of America. This is our hour of destiny, all we are and all we have, and those who would create hate and hysteria and fear and lack of confidence and lack of power must not be listened to. **GOD IS THE POWER.**

The other night it was growing dusk and our little island was being kissed to sleep by the rippling waters of a beautiful lake, and I heard a voice from out the ether, short wave from London, and the speaker said: 'I have just come from the docks and they are in ruin. I have just been through the slum area near the docks and the most beautiful thing I have yet seen, greater than the words of any prime minister or any diplomat, on the front of a poverty-stricken little white chapel, smeared and dirty and dusty, was a bulletin board, and that bulletin board had on it a hand-made motto, probably put there by the hand of some slum pastor, that it was, pencilled on a bit of cardboard: 'If your knees are knocking together, try kneeling on them'."

OPENING SERVICE

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The opening service of our Church in the autumn is always the most difficult service for me in the entire church year. It was never more so than this year. Anyone who has the responsibility and the opportunity of speaking or writing these days must feel the unusual challenge which the people bring. I never feel more deeply my responsibility than today.

Our Church opened its doors for our 29th year together as pastor and people Sunday morning September 15th. I chose for my subject "The Mills of God." I opened the door of the vestry with fear and trembling. By the time I reached the pulpit I could feel the welcome in the hearts of the people. By the time I was through with the opening sentences I knew the congregation was expectant and kind. I didn't feel quite free until well along in the sermon. Such a Church! The congregation was large—one of the largest we have ever had at an opening service. Every person seemed glad to be back. The Choir was in fine form and rendered inspiring music with Mr. Abernethy directing and Mr. Jorgensen at the organ.

After the service I greeted the people for one hour and ten minutes. The lobbies were filled with friends greeting each other. They seemed reluctant to leave. It was like a happy family united after long separation.

Twenty-nine years is a long time for one pastor to remain in the same pulpit. The challenge is tremendous. Yet with the kind of people in our Church it is not so difficult after all.

No pastor could possibly have a more loyal people. I never entered a year with greater confidence that our Church has a most necessary place to fill. People will turn toward the Church in increasing numbers.

I am writing these intimate and friendly words hoping that many who were present at our opening service will read them.

The prayer in my heart is that the fall and winter activity of the Church will increase more and more. I hope and pray that every service there will be those who will have a firmer and finer grip on life.

This world is not going to smash up. It is coming out of the present era refined and chastened. "The Mills of God grind slow, but they grind exceedingly small" sang Longfellow the poet, as always, spoke an eternal truth.

I thank you all.

Your friend and pastor,
Preston Bradley

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THE BAZAAR

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Now that Autumn is here and vacation days are a thing of memory, Church has opened Sunday Services for the season, and Church organizations are beginning their activities, remember the Bazaar, will soon be headline announcements. Let us all get down to serious planning for it. Ask yourself what you will do to help make it the best Bazaar in the history of the Church. It can be if everyone will do their part. There will be a place for everything salable. You may bring or send your donation to Dr. Preston Bradley to the Church office during business hours. The office is not open Saturday afternoons. The Bazaar will be held December 5th and 6th in Channing Hall, The Peoples Church, 941 Lawrence Ave.

BOOKS BY PRESTON BRADLEY

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Choosing a book is a very important thing, whether for a gift or for your own reading.

More and more these days when everyone feels more or less emotional reaction to the world conditions, we need to keep good reading on our book tables, to pick up whenever we have time to relax and derive benefit from what we read.

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Business and Professional Woman's Club Tour Chinatown

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On Monday evening September 16th over fifty members and guests of the Professional and Business Woman's Club enjoyed a Chinese dinner and tour of Chinatown. The affair was arranged by Miss Mary Hibbard, chairman of summer activities.

The dinner was served at Guey Sam's, after which a Miss Moy addressed the group in the Chinese Chamber of Commerce. Miss Moy pointed out interesting features of the building and its furnishings, and answered any questions the ladies asked.

Department Stores were visited as well as the residential district.

The tour was conducted by a W. P. A. guide under the Adult Educational Program of the Board of Education. The Chinese children attend our public schools during the regular session after which they are required to attend a Chinese School from 4:00 to 6:30 or 7:00 P.M. to learn to write Chinese (there are 4,000 characters in Chinese writing), and they also have to study Chinese history.

Some of the houses in this section date back to a period before the Chicago Fire and the first floor is considerably lower than the sidewalks. Most of the buildings are owned by Italians. Mexicans had lived in this section until the Italians came. When the Chinese came the Italians left, but they still own the majority of the houses. Now it seems, the Negroes are beginning to come into this section and the Chinese are beginning to leave.

At New Year's time the Chinese must pay up all their debts. (Not a bad practice—that!)

The tour was certainly interesting, and all who attended felt it had been an enjoyable as well as an informative evening.

E. E. S.

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WOMAN'S CLUB GARDEN PARTY

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In these days of apartment living and restaurant dining, home entertaining is still in high favor.

About a hundred women proved that the home invitation is still the popular one, when, on Monday September 16th, they gathered at the home of Mrs. Rufus W. Lee, President of the Woman's Club.

If this "Pot Luck Luncheon" was a fair sample, then the "luck" is always good. Never were there seen so many or such excellent salads — sandwiches — and home made cakes.

Dr. Lee, in that time which is not devoted to dentistry, experiments with dahlias, and this garden party was planned for the height of the dahlia season. Pink, orange, red, white and mixed varieties, many as big as pie plates, turned their gorgeous faces to the ladies who sat and admired them.

Mrs. Lee suggested that all troubles (if any there were) should be dumped in the garden pool and that enjoyment should be the order of the day.

Her advice was followed implicitly.

Laura Jean Wilson led the group singing. Anyone who did not sing was threatened with having to sing a solo. Result,—all joined in one grand chorus. There must have been something potent about that garden pool, for the group nearest the pool sang with the greatest gusto and persistency.

Mrs. R. G. Friedland, a friend of Mrs. Lee's gave several very humorous readings.

Mrs. Gertrude Needham gave a poem of long ago with a plaintive sympathetic note to it.

The weather man gave the ladies one of the very nicest days we have had this summer.

The oldest member present was Mrs. J. F. Brand, 86 years old, a member since 1916. Her bright eyes and keen interest in all the activities of the day belied the number of years she admitted.

The youngest guest was little Virginia Lou Tolk, seven months old, until late in the afternoon, when baby Helen (Mrs. Byron's granddaughter) appeared on the scene. Of course the lovely babies stole the show.

The only regret expressed was that a photographer was not present to record a picture of the lively scene in its beautiful setting.

Surely the home affairs are popular.

E. E. S.

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GOOD-BYE TO SUMMER

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Can it be summer is over? I vow it seems only a few days ago it was June — — but the birds have long since left their summer cottages and winged southward till another springtime calls them north. Dawn and eventide come on silently now with no bird note to begin the day or thrill one with its plaintive sweetness at dusk. Birch leaves are falling, golden and crisp, and in the garden the flowers have taken on the most vivid Autumn tones—giant Zinnias and huge Marigolds are magnificent in their coloring, and tall shaggy Asters were never so attractive before, some Delphinniums have shot up into sprays of fall blooming much to my joy and surprise, and, sweet-scented "golden-gleam Nasturtiums" blooming so abundantly allow me to pick bunches of a hundred or more to place in a crystal bowl for the dinner table every

few days. By all these signs I know it must be September altho' I did not want to believe it when the bags with many foreign labels pasted to their sides—were brought up from the wash-house, where our trunks and bags are stored away for the summer—and Dr. Bradley's clothes had to be packed for the city. Books had to be looked up, a stray pipe or two, — — the papers tidied on his desk — — and finally when he was dressed in travelling clothes he looked so brown I told him the church people wouldn't recognize him. He had to say goodbye to his dogs and his fishing rod and his boats. We both sighed deeply as we stood on the dock a moment before leaving for mainland.

It is not merely the leaving this home we love — — the pine trees —the lake—the garden——no it is not just that. It is the realization that the Winter ahead will be an extremely difficult one for everyone who must meet the challenge of the public. Speaking to thousands of people,——trying to answer the manifold questions rising like fog from their troubled hearts,——striving to comfort, earnestly desiring to strengthen their faith, to be true to yourself —to God — — and your country, to be constructive, — — to be just — — to be honest — — to be brave! Doctor said when I bade him good-bye that he never dreaded a season so much! So — —today The Peoples Church opened its doors for morning service and its Pastor stood in his pulpit to begin his twenty-ninth year. I hope the day was beautiful as it has been here and that the Church was well filled with the many friends and members who are always happy to have Church begin in the fall, and always glad to welcome home their preacher.

It has been a strange season with much cool weather and rain. I don't feel that we have really had summer and that it is still to come. However the falling leaves and departure of the birds make me apprehensive that I may be self deceived and so to be on the safe side I worked in the garden all yesterday afternoon, cleaning out annuals that have finished blooming, thinning perennials, transplanting, pulling weeds that flourish with every rain and have an occult way of evading notice until suddenly the garden is a mass of them. The sunshine was bright, the air delightful. I felt a sudden chilliness and a soft dusk like a curtain falling seemed instantly to shadow the garden. Standing up, garden tools in hand, I looked around and saw the sky a blaze of orange — purple — rose — the sun had already dropped behind the distant pines, but the pageant of color was breath-taking in its grandeur. Hastening into the house I was glad to find the welcome warmth of a log fire already crackling in the fireplace. Thus quickly does a balmy autumn day turn into a frosty evening here in the North Woods. Later I saw through the boughs of tall virgin pines the moon almost at the full — making all it shone upon as bright as day, — and the lake like silver.

I thought of the winter moon — this same moon — sheding it's light through these same green pine boughs — over a carpet of snow — — what must that be like? With the thought of winter came the question — — what will it bring? Will this beautiful world have found peace? or will war and rumors of war still hold the headlines — — still bring over the short wave of the radio the saddest story ever told?

In the early years of The Peoples Church there was an old hymn we used to sing often — —

"It is time to be brave, it is time
to be true,
time to be finding the things we
can do;
Time to put by the tear and the
sigh,
And work for the cause that is
holy and high!

Then gird on the armor of love
and of light
Dispell every shadow of darkness
and night!
Come forth in th' glory of Truth's
noon-day sun—
The victory is yours—Life's bat-
tle is won!"

I cannot recall the other lines correctly to quote them, — — they sing hazily in my memory. I hope we will renew usage of this hymn and sing it many times this winter.

September 15th
From the Associated Editor's desk—"Arden Lodge" Lake Vermilion, Minnesota.

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